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SUBJECT:GOR COMPLAINT ABOUT NY DAILY NEWS STORY AND  
GERMANARU POPA

REFS: A) BUCHAREST 3030; B) BUCHAREST 3176

1. WE HAVE NOW LOCATED NY DAILY NEWS STORY ABOUT WHICH  
BADESCU COMPLAINED ON JULY 1 (REF A). IT APPEARED  
JUNE 30, TITLED "TENTING VIGIL AT UN--GOAL IS FREEDOM  
FOR KIN." ARTICLE QUOTES REV. VASILE GERMANARU POPA, AND  
ALSO MENTIONS GEORGE PAPA AND DIMITRIE APOSTOLIU. NEITHER  
PAPA NOR APOSTOLIU ARE QUOTED IN THE ARTICLE.

2. GERMANARU POPA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT  
THE GOR IS PREPARED TO APPROVE DEPARTURES OF FAMILIES  
OF THOSE PROTESTING IN NYC BUT SAID "WE DON'T BELIEVE  
THEM." HE ADDED: "THEY'VE PROMISED US THIS SO MANY TIMES.  
THEY'VE EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO ISSUE EXIT VISAS, ONLY TO  
TURN PEOPLE BACK AT THE AIRPORT." HE ALSO IS QUOTED  
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SAYING "I TOLD MY WIFE WHEN I LEFT GALATI THAT I WOULD

MAKE CERTAIN TO CLAIM HER AND MY BABY." HE SHOWED THE REPORTER A PICTURE OF HIS WIFE MIHAELA AND CHILD LUMINITA.

3. THE STORY APPEARS A STRAIGHTFORWARD RECITATION OF WHAT POPA SAID, AND WE WOULD HAVE NO GROUNDS TO COMPLAIN OF

ANY FACTUAL INACCURACIES IN WHAT THE REPORTER SAYS HE HEARD POPA SAY. WE COULD HARDLY REPRESENT MRS. POPA'S REPORTED RELUCTANCE TO COME TO THE US TO THE PRESS UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY HER TO DO SO. WE BELIEVE BEST WAY TO SET THE PUBLIC RECORD STRAIGHT IN THIS AND OTHER CASES WILL BE TO MAKE KNOWN US VISA ISSUANCES IN THESE CASES WHEN YOU CONFIRM THEM TO US.

4. AFTER FAILING TO CONTACT GERMANARU-POPA AT HIS NY ADDRESS, DEPARTMENT OFFICER SPOKE WITH FATHER GALDAU EVENING OF JULY 10 AND RELAYED CONSUL PERKINS' MESSAGE TO POPA (REF B). FATHER GALDAU SAID HE WOULD BE SEEING POPA AND OTHER "STRIKERS" THAT EVENING. HE ADDED THAT HE IS TRYING TO PERSUADE THEM TO END THE PROTEST, WHICH DEPARTMENT OFFICER APPLAUDED. DEPARTMENT OFFICER OFFERED TO SPEAK PERSONALLY WITH POPA, PAPA, APOSTOLIU OR ANY OF THE PROTESTORS IF THEY WISHED.

5. HAVING FAILED TO CONTACT PAPA AT HIS CONNECTICUT ADDRESS, WE HAVE ALSO RELAYED NEWS OF HIS WIFE'S DEPARTURE APPROVAL THROUGH FATHER GALDAU. INGERSOLL

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